

Report to: East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)
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Title: Partnership Coordinator's Report
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Purpose: To update partners on activities undertaken to support ESSP since November 2008 and upcoming activities.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Community Partnerships Team at East Sussex County Council, provide a range of support services to ESSP. This report summarises key activities since November 2008, and upcoming activities.

2. Pride of Place – the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

- 2.1. Action planning: The team has facilitated the development of the countywide SCS action plan. Once the plan is endorsed (March board), the team will facilitate the production, proofing and publication of detailed delivery plans for each agreed action.
- 2.2. Strategy reviews: Three areas (community safety, older people and children and young people) are being reviewed by the relevant countywide thematic partnerships, and will be reported to the board in July. The team is working on a schedule for reviewing the remaining themes.

3. Local Area Agreement (LAA)

- 3.1. The team continues to support LAA delivery partners to facilitate the delivery of the LAA, and to conclude the Annual Refresh. Central coordination of LAA monitoring data is now undertaken by ESCC Corporate Performance, providing a more robust and streamlined procedure. Community Partnerships continue to produce LAA monitoring reports for ESSP and GOSE.

4. Partnership working

- 4.1. Review of Governance, Communications and Engagement: The Team has undertaken this review, as part of the SCS action planning process (see Item 7). A range of other communications work is underway including simplified access to LAA reports on East Sussex in Figures, practitioner case studies and a database of accessible venues.
- 4.2. Website: A full editorial review of the website has been completed, and a new 'information architecture' is being designed. These aim to make the website more accessible and user friendly. A rebuild of the site will commence in April, and partners will be invited to test it before completion and re-launch in July.
- 4.3. Progress through Partnerships (PTP): The team is developing a number of PTP funded projects including an online information pack for partners, a conference on climate change adaptation, and an event for Local Strategic Partnerships and thematic partnerships. £12,067 has been raised in total, including £2,000 to support a joint project between the LSPs and SpeakUp.
- 4.4. Annual meeting: Work is underway to coordinate the East Sussex Assembly annual meeting in July this year. The event will include a report on ESSP activities during 2008-09, and a thought provoking look at current trends and forecasts and what these may mean for delivering the 2026 Pride of Place vision.